

September 12, 2018
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

We are writing to express our gratitude for your leadership in co-sponsoring HR. 4391, the Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act. This legislation, as you know, seeks to ensure U.S. aid to Israel is not used to mistreat Palestinian youth in the Israeli military detention system.

Our faith commitments call us to pay particular attention to the rights of the vulnerable, including children. We are encouraged by this legislation, and hopeful it will ensure the United States is not supporting the continued trauma inflicted on Palestinian youth entangled in the Israeli military detention system.

As religious leaders in the United States, we are committed to a just and lasting peace for Israelis and Palestinians. Children under the age of 18 comprise nearly fifty percent of the population of the occupied Palestinian territory, and the prospect for peace depends on their ability to thrive without fear of mistreatment at the hands of the Israeli military.

We are grateful for your service to your constituents and the country. Thank you again for your decision to cosponsor HR 4391. We offer our thoughts and prayers for your service.

Sincerely,

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